

May 30, 2023

Dear Prospective Offeror:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO: 365985

Central Plateau Cleanup Company (CPCCO) under Prime Contract No. 89303320DEM000030 with the U.S. Department of Energy, is requesting proposals for **Installation of Type W Cable, Fiber Cable, and Installation/placement of Electrical racks, Distribution racks, and Mechanical racks for YE 11, YE 39-43, and YE 46** in support of the **Soil and Groundwater Operations Project (S&GO)**, Richland, Washington.

Information regarding both the product or services required, and instructions for the preparation and submission of proposals, is contained in the attached Request for Proposal (RFP).

Please take note of updated and/or new RFP sections: **3.2** Volume 1 – Technical Proposal, **4.0** Qualification Standards and Evaluation Criteria, and **6.7** Subcontracting. Requirements in these sections have been revised or added.

Additionally, in accordance with **Special Provisions SP-4 Construction Contracts, Item 4.0 BONDS**, please provide pricing for payment and performance bonds equal to 100% of the Contract Price with your proposal. Payment and performance bonds are required for this construction procurement.

The anticipated schedule for this solicitation and award is:

RFP Issue Date:	May 30, 2023
Notification of Intent to Propose:	June 2, 2023
Pre-Bid Job Walkdown	June 6, 2023
RFP Questions Due:	June 20, 2023
Clarifications complete:	June 27, 2023
Priced Proposals Due:	July 6, 2023
Anticipated Contract Award:	August 21, 2023

If you have any questions regarding this solicitation, you can reach me at 509-430-9055, or via email at andrea_d_riste@rl.gov. As always, we appreciate your support, and we look forward to your proposal.

Sincerely,


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Sr. Contract Specialist
CPCCo Procurement

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Acronyms

BTR	Buyer's Technical Representative
DOE	Department of Energy
NAICS	North American Industry Classification System
QA	Quality Assurance
RFP	Request for Proposal
SOW	Statement of Work
CPCCO	Central Plateau Cleanup Company

SECTION A – REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Central Plateau Cleanup Company (CPCCO) acting under contract with the Department of Energy, requests proposals for the award of a **Fixed-Price** contract to provide general construction services for the **Installation of Type W Cable, Fiber cable, and installation/placement of Electrical racks, Distribution racks, and Mechanical racks for YE 11, YE 39-43, and YE 46** in support of the Soil and Groundwater Operations Project, Richland, Washington. The required completion date for fulfilling all requirements stipulated by this solicitation is no later than **01/31/2024**.

The Contractor shall complete all tasks associated with Statement of Work, Attachment 1.

Section A contains the basis of award, proposal submittal requirements, proposal instructions, qualification standards and evaluation criteria, and notices to Offerors.

Section B contains RFP specific documents, (including Representations and Certifications)- which Offerors are required to complete, sign, and submit with their proposal.

Additionally, a draft copy of the CPCCo 4-Part Contract is included which contains:

- Part I – Statement of Work
- Part II - Financial Terms
- Part III – General Terms and Attachments
- Part IV – Special Provisions

CPCCo may determine that any proposal not submitted in accordance with the specified requirements of this RFP is **non-responsive** and therefore, ineligible for award.

2.0 BASIS OF AWARD

Contract award shall be made to the Offeror with the lowest-priced, technically acceptable proposal among offers meeting all requirements of the RFP. Award may be made based upon initial proposals without discussions; therefore, initial proposals should contain the Offeror's **best and final** offer.

2.1 Acceptance or Rejection of Proposals

CPCCo reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal with or without discussion with the Offeror. CPCCo may:

- award a contract on the basis of proposals received without discussions with

Offerors (therefore, initial proposals should be submitted with Offeror's ***best and final*** offer);

- select one or more Offerors to negotiate with;
- reject any or all proposals received;
- issue a request for new proposals; or
- cancel the RFP without awarding a contract.

2.2 Responsiveness and Responsibility Determination

CPCCo will determine if the Offeror is responsive to the RFP requirements and eligible for further consideration for award. This evaluation may include (but is not limited to) information gathered from other sources, including safety performance, financial stability, and past performance for CPCCo or other customers. This determination may be made at any time by CPCCo without additional questions or revision. CPCCo may waive minor informalities and irregularities in offers received.

2.3 Proposal Costs

CPCCo does not pay proposal preparation costs.

2.4 Award Notification

CPCCo will notify all Offerors once a successful proposal has been selected for award. There will be no public opening of proposals.

3.0 PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

Organize the proposal as described in the following sections:

Proposals must clearly and convincingly demonstrate that the Offeror has a thorough understanding of, and will be able to perform, the proposed contract work scope successfully. For technical work, describe the proposed technical approach including assumptions and supporting detail. Unsupported, unclear, or inconsistent statements about Offeror's proposed performance and compliance with contract requirements may render the proposal **non-responsive**.

Do not submit generic brochures or other marketing materials which do not specifically relate to the proposal.

3.1 Proposal Content

Offeror's proposal must contain information sufficient to demonstrate an understanding of the requirements and Offeror's ability to perform successfully as proposed. Offerors

submitting proposals which are unclear or incomplete may be judged **non-responsive** and removed from further consideration for award. Simply repeating the statement of work requirements or merely offering to perform the work may result in a lower evaluation, or the offer being judged **non-responsive** to the requirements and eliminated from further consideration.

Proposals shall be organized in the manner listed in Sections 3.2-3.4 below. Each volume of the proposal shall be separate and complete. Omit all cost or pricing details from the technical proposal. Where estimated labor hours will provide clarity, propose them as hours only with no indication of price in the technical proposal.

The following documents are required for a complete proposal package:

3.2 Volume I – Technical Proposal

Volume I shall consist of the Offeror's discussion that addresses the Offeror's capabilities and contain detail that explains how the Offeror will satisfy the requirements of the solicitation. This volume shall also specifically address the elements listed below to further substantiate technical acceptability for this solicitation. The Offeror shall provide one (1) copy of this volume.

1. **Construction/Technical Approach** - Offeror shall provide a proposal that clearly demonstrates an understanding of the scope and requirements of the Statement of Work. Submit a detailed Technical Work Plan to include sequencing of work addressing the requirements of Section 3.0 of the SOW. Offerors that do not address each of the required subparts of Section 3.0 may be determined nonresponsive to the requirements. The Technical Approach shall identify its planned use of subcontractors, if any.
2. **Management Approach** – Offeror shall provide a Management Approach that specifically defines and details the Offeror's capabilities to successfully manage, perform, and execute the work. Offeror's plan shall include an organization structure that aligns with the proposed technical approach. Offeror's plan shall demonstrate how any subcontracted work will be monitored and Offeror's approach for addressing subtier performance issues.
3. **Relevant Experience and past performance** - The Offeror shall furnish three (3) relevant projects (past or current) along with references (past project should be within the last 3 years). References shall include the following current and up-to-date information for each specific reference. Note: Information gained elsewhere by CPCCo can also be used as part of the evaluation.
 - Client Name and Address
 - Client Technical Point of Contact and phone number
 - Contract Number

- Brief Description of Work Scope
- Contract Type
- Period of Performance
- Original Contract Value \$<<insert value>>
- Final Contract Value \$<<insert value>>

4. **Schedule** – Offeror shall provide a field execution schedule that includes all activities listed in Section 1.3 of the SOW, with a full scope completion no later than **01/31/2024**. Include an appropriate level of detail to demonstrate full understanding of the requirements. Offerors that do not address each of the required subparts of sections 1.3.2 may be deemed nonresponsive. Offerors shall consider the training requirements prescribed by the SOW – and any/all training needs of their contemplated workforce – when developing their proposed schedule. Should a contract result from this solicitation, post-award schedule/price relief will NOT be afforded the Offeror/Contractor on the sole basis of training class availability.

5. **Safety** – The Offeror shall provide the following:

- Completed CPCCo Contractor OS&IH Prequalification Form (Attachment 5) for Offeror (and any subcontractors or teaming partners) for the past three (3) years.
- Interstate Experience Modification Rate (EMR) on the provider's letterhead.
- OSHA Form 300 Logs signed and dated by company representative.
- The Table of Contents from the contractor's safety and health manual.
- Copies of transmittal letters including descriptions of the outcome and number any citations from each OSHA, WISHA, or OSHA state-plan inspection.

3.3 Volume II – Cost/Price and Contractual Proposal

Volume II shall consist of the Offeror's proposed pricing as instructed in the RFP pricing instructions. Please submit your pricing on the attached pricing sheet. Offeror must complete the sheet as formatted. All pricing assumptions shall be clearly stated to allow a reviewer to assess the potential cost risks associated with the proposed design. Include a signed copy of Representations and Certifications (SP-16) with the proposal. The Offeror must submit one copy of this volume.

Volume II shall include documentation of any Joint Venture agreements (if applicable) considered by the Offeror as part of their proposal.

Volume II shall include, at a minimum:

1. Completed Pricing Sheet (Attachment 2)
2. Executive Compensation Certification (Attachment 4)
3. Completed SP-16 Representations & Certifications (Attachment 5)
4. Lower-Tier Subcontractor List (Attachment 6)
5. Contractor Safety Pre-Qualification, Form 6004-812 (Attachment 7) – (Required for all lower-tier subcontractors that will perform work on site as well)
6. Small Business Subcontracting Plan (if required by RFP Section 6.8)

3.4 Volume III – Quality Assurance Manual

Volume III shall consist of one (1) copy of your Quality Assurance Manual. **The Offeror's QA Manual must be submitted with each proposal**, even if previously reviewed and accepted by CPCCo.

3.5 Offeror's Acceptance

The contract, if awarded, resulting from this RFP will be substantially the same as the draft contract that is contained in the accompanying file. Unless otherwise noted by the Offeror in its proposal, Offeror's submission of a proposal signifies the Offeror's unqualified acceptance of all technical requirements and other terms and conditions that are contained and referenced in this RFP and the accompanying draft contract file. Interpretations established by the Offeror to any part of this RFP may be considered an exception and may render the proposal "**non-responsive**," resulting in removal from evaluation and award considerations.

Exceptions to Technical Requirements and Other Terms and Conditions:

The Offeror shall describe any exceptions to the technical requirements and other terms and conditions of the sample contract on which the Offeror's proposal is based. Offerors are notified that CPCCo considers the Offeror's compliance with the technical requirements and terms and conditions of the accompanying draft contract to be essential. In case of doubt, Offeror should request clarification from CPCCo. If the Offeror takes any exceptions to the requirements of the RFP, the pricing shall be based on the requirements of the RFP and the exception(s) priced as alternates. If the Offeror's proposal is based only on the proposed exceptions, CPCCo may determine that the proposal is **non-responsive**.

3.6 Proposal Validity Period

Proposals shall remain firm for one hundred twenty **120** days after the proposal due date.

4.0 QUALIFICATION STANDARDS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

Information such as experience, proposed work plans/schedules, past performance, key personnel, available resources and equipment and any other information available may be used by CPCCo in evaluating the Offeror's capabilities, responsibility, and responsiveness to the solicitation.

4.1 Technical Evaluation Factors

The following evaluation criteria are the technical criteria that will be used along with cost or price in determining which Offeror will be selected (if any) for an award. During evaluation of the proposals, CPCCo will assign each non-price Factor/Sub-Factor a rating of either Acceptable or Unacceptable. A rating of unacceptable in one or more Factors or Sub-Factors will constitute an unacceptable proposal.

Volume I – Technical

Factor 1 - Construction/Technical Approach: CPCCo will evaluate the extent to which the Offeror's Construction/Technical Approach demonstrates complete compliance with this solicitation and the submittal requirements outlined above in Section 3.2. An "acceptable" rating will result if the Offeror's proposed approach demonstrates a sound construction plan. The Offeror must demonstrate implementation of a working knowledge of the equipment, material, and construction trades required to complete the scope of work. The Offeror's Narrative must adequately capture all construction phases, features of work, and thoroughly discuss the proposed construction techniques, such as scheduling, sequencing, dependencies.

Factor 2 - Management Approach: CPCCo will evaluate the extent to which the Offeror's Management Approach demonstrates capability to successfully manage, perform, and execute SOW requirements. An "acceptable" rating will result if the Offeror's proposed management approach: 1) comprehensively illustrates the Offeror's plan to manage compliance with requirements, 2) includes an organization structure that aligns with the technical approach, 3) adequately demonstrates how any subcontracted work will be monitored, including Offeror's approach for addressing subtier performance issues.

Factor 3 - Schedule: CPCCo will evaluate the extent to which the Offeror's proposed schedule demonstrates compliance with this solicitation and the submittal requirements outlined above in Section 3.2. An "acceptable" rating will result if the Offeror's proposed schedule is: 1) sufficiently detailed to demonstrate a complete understanding of the requirements, 2) complies with the stipulated period of performance requirements, 3) contains sound logic ties, and 4) adequately demonstrates dependency relationships among activities.

Factor 4 – Past Performance: CPCCo will evaluate the extent to which the Offeror's recent relevant past performance meets the requirements of the SOW and demonstrates an ability to

successfully perform the work scope. **Offeror's ability to adjust, as needed, to meet shifting project needs as conditions and schedules change will also be evaluated.** An "acceptable" rating will result if the Offeror's proposed recent relevant past performance demonstrates a successful performance history.

Factor 5 – Safety Program: The Offeror and each proposed subcontractor shall have a current Experience Modification Rate (EMR) of 1.0 or less to be considered for award. Should an EMR exceed 1.0, the Contractor must demonstrate and document that it has or will initiate programs, policies, and attitudes which will result in improved safety performance. In this case, it is the sole discretion of CPCCo to approve or disapprove an Offeror.

5.0 PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DIRECTIONS

5.1 Notification of Intent to Propose

CPCCo requests that prospective Offeror's notify the Contract Specialist in writing by 4:00 p.m. on **June 2, 2023**, of their intent to submit a proposal in response to this RFP. Offeror's may transmit this notification via e-mail.

5.2 Deadline

Proposals are due by 4:00 p.m. on **July 6, 2023**. CPCCo reserves the right to reject any proposal received after the deadline.

5.3 Submittal Address

Identify the proposal package as "Proposal in Response to RFP: **365985**."

Proposals must be submitted electronically via email to the Contract Specialist at andrea_d_riste@rl.gov. Mailed proposals will not be accepted, and all proposals must be received by the proposal due date.

Offerors may contact the Contract Specialist to verify receipt of proposals. The Contract Specialist can be reached via email at ***andrea_d_riste@rl.gov*** or by phone at (509) 373-7141.

5.4 Withdrawal

Proposals may be withdrawn by written notice to the Contract Specialist at any time prior to award.

5.5 Questions and Comments Regarding the RFP

The Offeror shall submit any questions or comments regarding the RFP in writing via email to the Contract Specialist no later than **June 20, 2023**. CPCCo will respond to all questions in writing and provide copies of questions and answers to all Offerors. If the RFP requires an amendment to resolve questions/comments, CPCCo will issue an amendment to all Offerors who have not declined to participate, allowing time for amendment review before final submittal of proposals.

5.6 Offeror's Site Visit

Offerors may attend a job walk as part of this solicitation. The job walk for this solicitation will occur **June 6, 2023**, and include a tour of the **S&GO jobsite**. The purpose of the job walk is to provide Offerors firsthand familiarity with facility and site layout/conditions. The job walk is *not* intended to be a forum for Offerors to formally ask questions and receive formal answers regarding the RFP. Offerors shall submit any comments or questions regarding the RFP to the Contract Specialist in writing no later than **June 20, 2023**. The Offeror may transmit questions and comments via e-mail. CPCCo will answer all questions in writing and provide a copy of all questions and answers to all Offerors. If the RFP requires an amendment to resolve issues regarding the RFP, CPCCo will issue an amendment to those Offerors who have not declined to participate in time for them to consider the amendment(s) before finalizing and submitting their proposals.

5.7 RFP Amendments

If this RFP is amended, unless otherwise stated, all terms and conditions that are not modified will remain unchanged. The Offeror shall acknowledge receipt of all amendments by stating in the proposal that the Offeror has received the amendment(s) and has considered it/them in formulating the proposal.

6.0 NOTICES TO OFFERORS

6.1 Estimated Award Date

The estimated award date for this RFP is **August 21, 2023**.

6.2 Precedence of Requirements

In the event of a conflict among the provisions, the RFP instructions, the RFP correspondence, other documents, and the resulting contract, the terms of the contract shall govern.

6.3 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code and Size Standard

CPCCo has determined that North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code **237130** applies to this acquisition. Therefore, the size standard for determining whether an Offeror is a small business regarding this acquisition is **\$45.0 million**.

6.4 Identification of Proprietary Data

If the Offeror submits any data as part of their proposal considered to be “proprietary data,” the document transmitting the data or containing the data, shall be boldly marked indicating that the data included are considered proprietary. To the extent that the restrictive marking prevents CPCCo from distributing the documents for evaluation or use, the marking may render the proposal **non-responsive**.

6.5 Certified Cost or Pricing Data

The Offeror is not required to provide certified cost or pricing data. However, CPCCo may require the Offeror to provide certified and/or non-certified cost or pricing data prior to award if CPCCo cannot determine that the acquisition is exempt from the requirements of PL 87-653 (10 USC Sec. 2306a).

6.6 Financial Capability Determination Information

CPCCo reserves the right, prior to award, to require the Offeror to submit information that will be used to determine whether the Offeror has the financial capability to successfully perform the contemplated contract in accordance with the contract terms. Such information may include but is not limited to: annual reports; lines of credit with financial institutions and suppliers; SEC Form 10K, and any other information that may be required by CPCCo.

6.7 Subcontracting

Contractor may **not** subcontract any significant portion of this contract without first obtaining concurrence of CPCCo to the proposed subcontract scope and subcontractor(s).

Contractor is responsible to incorporate and flow down all appropriate provisions and requirements of this contract to all lower-tier contractors and subcontractors.

Contractor shall furnish CPCCo a list of all proposed lower-tier subcontractors who will be performing work on the Hanford site and those proposed subcontractors who will be performing a significant portion of the off-site work. The list must be furnished prior to award and updated with changes during contract performance. The Subcontracting form and instructions can be found here: [webpage](#).

CPCCo reserves the right to:

- 6.7.1 Reject any proposed subcontract or subcontractor as incomplete or unsuitable.
- 6.7.2 Require submittal of the proposed subcontract before contract award or prior to performance of any work on site.
- 6.7.3 Require the replacement, at contractor's expense, of any subcontractor who fails to adhere to all applicable provisions and requirements of this contract.

6.8 Small Business Set Aside

Proposals made under this solicitation shall be from small business concerns, including; Disadvantaged, Women Owned, Veteran Owned, Service Disabled Veteran Owned and HUBZone small businesses. Proposals received from concerns that are not small businesses shall not be considered for this solicitation. Disadvantaged, Women Owned, Veteran Owned and service Disables Veteran Owned may self-certify to these categories as defined by the Small Business Administration (www.sba.gov). HUBZone businesses must be certified by the Small Business Administration.

6.9 Ship to Address

All shipping containers and paperwork are to be marked with the following legend:

U.S. Department of Energy
c/o Central Plateau Cleanup Company, Inc.
2355 Stevens Drive, Building 1163
Richland, WA, 99352

6.10 Buy American Act

In accordance with the Buy American Act (BAA, FAR part 25) domestic end products as defined in the BAA shall be afforded an evaluation preference in this action. Products of foreign origin may not be supplied unless evaluated and agreed to by CPCCo prior to contract award. Contractor certifies that all other products, supplied on this contract are Domestic products as defined in the BAA.

FAR -- Part 25 Foreign Acquisition

SECTION B – RFP ATTACHMENTS

1.0 ATTACHMENT 1 – STATEMENT OF WORK AND TECHNICAL DRAWINGS

2.0 ATTACHMENT 2 – PROPOSAL PRICING WORKSHEET

3.0 ATTACHMENT 3 – DRAFT 4-PART CONTRACT

- I. STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW)
- II. FINANCIAL TERMS
- III. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS
- IV. SPECIAL PROVISIONS (EXCLUDING REPS & CERTS)

4.0 ATTACHMENT 4 – EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION FORM

5.0 ATTACHMENT 5 – SPECIAL PROVISIONS - REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS –

A fully completed and signed Representations and Certifications (SP-16) form must accompany the proposal. Section 21 NAICS code must match the NAICS code specified in this solicitation and the Offeror's registered small business size standard.

SP-16 Revision 1, Dated May 4, 2022

https://cpcco.hanford.gov/files.cfm/SP-16_Rev1.pdf

6.0 ATTACHMENT 6 – LOWER-TIER SUBCONTRACTOR LIST

7.0 ATTACHMENT 7 – CONTRACTOR SAFETY PRE-QUALIFICATION